

Iran in a Week

The speech by Iran's new Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei combines domestic mobilization with external deterrence messaging, reflecting a wartime leadership narrative aimed at strengthening political legitimacy while managing strategic pressure. Some analysts believe the address may have been drafted within the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) or the broader security establishment, amid

doubts about Khamenei's political and rhetorical experience. Domestically, the speech relied on three themes: invoking revolutionary symbolism and the legacy of Ruhollah Khomeini to stress continuity; highlighting mass participation to portray societal mobilization; and emphasizing martyrdom and revenge as a long-term strategic commitment. Militarily, it underscored Iran's leverage

over the Strait of Hormuz and hinted at opening additional fronts if the war continues. Regionally, the speech balanced threats with reassurances, saying foreign bases — not host states — would be targeted. Overall, it suggests that Tehran is preparing for a prolonged conflict marked by gradual escalation and rising economic and geopolitical costs.

News

Politics:



Mojtaba Khamenei: "Keeping the Strait of Hormuz closed is necessary, and we will open other fronts if necessary."



President Masoud Pezeshkian: "The only way to end the war is to recognize Iran's legitimate rights, pay compensation, and establish a binding international guarantee to prevent the repetition of their aggression."



Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi: "Trump's unilateral declaration of America's victory in the war will not end the conflict."



Iran's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN Ali Bahreini: "Iran does not intend to close the Strait of Hormuz or plant mines in it."



Parliament Speaker Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf: "We can now strike any target we choose with a smaller number of missiles."



Iran's Ambassador to Russia Kazem Jalali: "Vladimir Putin may meet Iran's new supreme leader later this year during the Caspian Sea summit."

Security and Military:



Former IRGC Commander and senior adviser Yahya Rahim Safavi: "We maintain strong intelligence relations with certain foreign countries, and they monitor the region through their satellites."



Brigadier General Ali Fadavi: "We possess missiles that can be launched from underwater, traveling at speeds of up to 100 meters per second, and we may use them in the coming days."



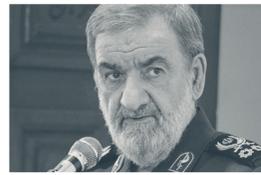
Khatam al-Anbiya Headquarters Spokesperson Colonel Ebrahim Zolfaghari: "It is our legitimate right to target the enemy's missile launch sites located in certain Emirati cities."



Yahya Rahim Safavi: "The war will end before the arrival of the Nowruz holidays."



IRGC Aerospace Force Commander Brigadier General Majid Mousavi: "Thirty super-heavy ballistic missiles, each weighing between one and two tons, were launched at specified targets in the occupied territories."



Former IRGC Commander Mohsen Rezaei: "American bases in the region are under our siege."

The Region and the World:



The Russian consulate in Isfahan has announced the temporary suspension of its activities due to the current circumstances.



Switzerland has temporarily closed its embassy in Iran. The ambassador and five embassy staff members have left Iranian territory by land.



EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Kaja Kallas: "The European Union has imposed a new package of sanctions on Iran targeting 19 Iranian officials and entities."



India has released three Iranian oil tankers that had been seized last month, in exchange for Iran allowing two Indian vessels to pass through the Strait of Hormuz.

Economy:



Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization: "All commercial ports across the country continue to operate normally around the clock, and our ports are purely commercial."



Iranian Minister of Labour Ahmad Meydari: "The government has approved a 60% increase in the minimum wage."



Iranian Minister of Agriculture Gholamreza Nouri: "The aggressors are attempting to disrupt the network responsible for the production, supply, and distribution of agricultural and livestock products."



The Economist: "Some analysts estimate that crude oil prices could reach \$150 or even \$200 per barrel if the Strait of Hormuz remains closed until the end of March."

Society and Culture:



Iran's Ministry of Cultural Heritage confirmed that prominent historical landmarks have sustained damage since the beginning of the US-Israeli strikes on Iran.



Iranian Minister of Sports and Youth Ahmad Donyamali: "The conditions are not suitable for participation in the World Cup."



Reports indicate that one gigabyte of internet data in Iran is being sold for prices ranging between \$4 and \$9.



Judo athlete Amir Hossein Ansari was killed following a US-Israeli attack.